

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 2, 2004. Claims 4, 10-12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 27, 34-36, 38, 40, 41, 44, and 45 are now pending in this application, of which claims 4, 10, 16, 18, 21, 22, 27, 34, 40, 41, 44, and 45 are in independent form. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23-26, 28-33, 37, 39, 42, 43, and 46 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 4, 10, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22, 27, 40, 44, and 45 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 34-36, 38 and 41, the indication that claims 10-12, 14 and 18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the Examiner's objections and the indication that claims 4, 16, 21, 22, 27, 40, 44 and 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10, 12 and 18 have in fact have been amended to recite "printer unit" rather than an "output unit," to address the Examiner's objection, and each of claims 4, 16, 21, 22, 27, 40, 44 and 45 has been rewritten. Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 4, 10-12, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 27, 40, 44 and 45 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23-26, 28-33, 39, 42, 43 and 46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,930,346 (Chen). The cancellation of those claims obviates that rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now pending are in

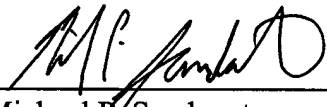
condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests passage to issue of the present application.

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